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In the Claims:

Please replace the existing claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (Previously presented) A straw chopper blade comprising:
a blade having a leading edge and a trailing edge,
the blade also having a first end, the first end having a blade mounting assembly for pendulously mounting the blade to a straw chopper,
the blade also having a second end remote from the first end, the second end being provided with a tip,
a sharpened cutting edge is formed on the leading edge at the second end and extends from the tip towards the first end; and
the first end further having a paddle that extends at a perpendicular angle from a plane of the blade from the leading edge thereof.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The straw chopper blade as defined by claim 1 wherein the trailing edge of the second end is provided with a second sharpened cutting edge extending from the tip towards the first end.
4. (Previously presented) The straw chopper blade as defined by claim 3 wherein a second paddle extends at an angle from the trailing edge of the first end predominantly perpendicular to the plane of the blade.
5. (Currently amended) A straw chopper for an agricultural harvesting machine comprising:
a rotor having a plurality of mounting locations;
a housing enclosing the rotor, the housing having an inlet for receiving agricultural material and an outlet [though] through which chopped agricultural material is expelled;
a bank of stationary blades are mounted to the housing;
a plurality of straw chopper blades are pendulously mounted to the rotor at the mounting locations,
each straw chopper blade having a leading edge and a trailing edge, the straw chopper blade also having a first end with a blade mounting assembly for pendulously mounting the straw chopper blade to the rotor, the straw chopper blade also having a second end remote from the first end, the second end being provided with a tip, a sharpened